



City News & Notes

- **Anniston Acquires Final Part of Chief Ladiga Trail!**
 - The Chief Ladiga Trail currently stretches 34 miles, passing through Cleburne and Calhoun counties and the Talladega National Forest. With all the land acquired, when Anniston completes the construction of the trail, **it will connect to Georgia's Silver Comet Trail, forming a combined 95 miles, making it the longest paved trail in America**, attracting walkers, hikers, bikers and outdoor enthusiasts from all over! Anniston Mayor Jack Draper called the acquisition "*a tremendous deal and opportunity for the City of Anniston, and our whole region.*"
 - **Link to Story:** <https://bit.ly/3urOx1W>
- **Public Warming Station Extension Through 02/11/22**
 - The public warming station at the Carver Community Center (720 W. 14th St, Anniston, AL 36201) has been extended until Friday, Feb. 11, 2022 at 7:00 AM. For more information on the warming station, please contact the Carver Center at: 256-231-7630.
 - **More Info:** <https://bit.ly/3AZsz7U>
- **Annual Fire Inspections for Businesses Have Begun!**
 - The inspections give the AFD a chance to familiarize themselves with your building, as well as to ensure that all state and city fire codes are being followed. These inspections take roughly 10-15 minutes for the average business. In addition, you may set-up an inspection time that works best for your business, if you are not prepared for the walkthrough on the day the AFD visits.
- **World Changers | Home Repair Applications | Due Feb. 10th!**
 - World Changers will be in Anniston from July 18th to July 23rd to perform home repairs! Applications may be picked up at Anniston City Hall, or downloaded at this link: <https://bit.ly/3qeiyQv>. All applications must be turned in at City Hall (4309 McClellan Blvd, Anniston, AL 36206) by Friday, February 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM! For Questions, please contact Melinda L. Fowles, with our Community Development Block Grant Department at 256-231-7623.
- **Anniston Changers | Home Repair Applications | Due Feb. 28th!**
 - The Anniston Changers are proud to announce their 2nd Round of grant opportunities from the City of Anniston Fund. Grant applications focus on residential property repairs that correct a health or safety hazard and may be up to \$1,000!
 - **Link to Application:** <https://bit.ly/3fIX7AU>
- **PARD Spring Sports Registration | Ends Feb. 28th!**
 - Get your little one signed up for our fun slate of Spring sports hosted by our Parks & Rec. Department! Registration will run from Jan. 17th until Feb. 28th! This year, we are offering the following youth sports: TOT Soccer, Youth Soccer, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Swim Team, Track & Field! For more information on any sport, please contact the City's Athletic Director, Darren Spruill, at: 256-820-3860 and/or dspruill@anniston.al.gov.
- **United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program! | VITA**
 - Have you received your W2 and need your taxes filed? Let United Way of East Central Alabama's IRS trained volunteers assist you! Their volunteers will be available until April 15 at three locations to assist you!
 - **More Information:** www.uweca.org/vita



Events

• **Inaugural Anniston Job Fair | 02/10/22**

- **DETAILS:** The City of Anniston is proud to announce the first annual Anniston Job Fair! Over 60 businesses have signed up, so be sure not to miss this great opportunity!
 - **WHEN:** Thursday, February 10th | 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM
 - **WHERE:** Main Hall of the Anniston City Meeting Center (1615 Noble St, Anniston, AL 36201)
 - **LINK:** <https://bit.ly/3zYdGCa>

• **2022 Arbor Day Tree Give Away! | 02/17/22**

- **DETAILS:** Join us at Zinn Park for the annual Arbor Day Tree Give-Away! We thank Alabama Power for graciously donating the trees each year for this event! For information on what trees will be available, please contact Doug Gaddy at: 256-236-8221 and/or dgaddy@anniston.al.gov.
 - **WHEN:** February 17, 2022 | 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM
 - **WHERE:** Zinn Park (101 W. 14th St, Anniston, AL 36201).
 - **LINK:** <https://bit.ly/3gpbYAX>

• **Pickleball is now at the Anniston Aquatic Center!**

- **DETAILS:** Pickleball is now available at the Anniston Aquatic & Fitness Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM!
 - **WHEN:** Tuesdays & Thursdays | 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM!
 - **WHERE:** Anniston Aquatic & Fitness Center (130 Summerall Gate Rd, Anniston, AL 36205)
 - **LINK:** <https://bit.ly/3GtY8bd>

• **Shamrockin' 5K Color Run & Walk | 03/19/22**

- **DETAILS:** Join Main Street Anniston as we bring back the Shamrockin' 5K Color Run & Walk! Hosted in Historic Downtown Anniston, participants will make their way through color stations as they progress through the race. Whether you walk or run, we promise you will have a blast! First 50 registrations receive an event t-shirt and swag bag! For more information, please contact Karla Eden at: 256-371-3711. To register for the 5K, please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/3KtHVG1>
 - **WHEN:** March 19, 2022 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - **WHERE:** Zinn Park (101 W 14th St, Anniston, AL 36201)
 - **LINK:** <https://bit.ly/3GQ2xGI>

• **2022 Noble Street Festival & Sunny King Criterium | 04/09/22**

- **DETAILS:** The Noble Street Festival returns to Downtown Anniston on April 9, 2022 from 11 AM - 7 PM! Join us for live music, local cuisine, pro bike racing, KidZone, and other exciting attractions! Those interested in participating as a vendor may find applications at this link: <https://bit.ly/34WY3jf>
 - **WHEN:** April 9, 2022 | 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
 - **WHERE:** Noble Street, Anniston, AL 36201
 - **LINK:** <https://bit.ly/3qtXZzK>